



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the CMS web site.

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Payment of Same Day Transfer Claims Under the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS)

Provider Types Affected

Providers submitting LTCH same day transfer claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)).

Provider Action Needed

This article is for informational purposes and is based on Change Request (CR) 5323 which clarifies how to process Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) same day transfer claims which have been suspended in the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) since implementation of LTCH PPS on October 1, 2002.

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently found that same-day transfer LTCH PPS claims have been suspending in Medicare's Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) since the implementation of the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) on October 1, 2002.

A same day transfer occurs when a patient is admitted to a LTCH and is subsequently transferred for acute care (or another type facility care) on the same day.

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If the patient is admitted to a LTCH with the expectation that the patient will remain overnight but is discharged before midnight, the day is:

- **Counted** as a **total day** (i.e., a cost report day), and
- **Not** counted as a Medicare covered day.

In other words, this day will be considered covered and counted for cost reporting purposes, but will not be counted as a Medicare utilization day for the beneficiary.

Currently, same day transfer claims are suspending in the FISS system because:

- The LTCH PPS Pricer cannot accept a '0' day, and
- There is no transfer policy under LTCH PPS.

CR 5323 clarifies how to process LTCH same day transfer claims that have been suspended in FISS since implementation of the LTCH PPS on October 1, 2002, and instructs that same day transfer LTCH PPS claims that have been suspended are to be released as of July 2, 2007 and are to be paid with interest applied.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR5323, issued to your FI or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1172CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found on the CMS web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS site.

Flu Shot Reminder

It's Not Too Late to Give and Get the Flu Shot

The peak of flu season typically occurs between late December and March; however, flu season can last until May. **Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends by getting and giving the flu shot.** Each office visit presents an opportunity for you to talk with your patients about the importance of getting an annual flu shot and a lifetime pneumococcal vaccination. Remember - influenza and pneumococcal vaccination and their administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are NOT Part D covered drugs. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS' website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf>.

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